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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 128**

**WORLD ALLIANCE FOR THE CORRECTION
OF THE SIN OF THE SPIES**

**“LIVING IN ERETZ ISRAEL IS THE EQUIVALENT OF ALL THE
MITZVOT OF THE TORAH” (SIFRE, PARASHAT REE)**

**LEARN THE LESSON AND DO NOT FOLLOW ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SPIES
BARUCH HASHEM, WE DON'T CHOOSE BETWEEN MITZVOT,
LIKE CERTAIN 'ORTHODOX' JEWS DO. IF IT WERE POSSIBLE
TO CONQUER THE LAND WITHOUT SPILLING BLOOD,
CERTAINLY THIS WOULD BE BETTER.**

This is obvious "Entering the land is no simple matter. Other people and nations live here, and there is a likelihood of conflict with them. The Children of Israel knew they were leaving Egypt for Jerusalem, so "The Children of Israel went up supplied".(Exodus, 13:18) What is the meaning of supplied? Rashi explains: readied with arms. We are to prepare for military conflict. There are levels of this conflict, and the severest is a Milchemet mitzvah, a situation where the Torah commands us to wage war.

What is the criterion of a compulsory war? Its principle meaning is liberating the Land. So In its fundamental sense, the concept of a Torah commanded war is bound up with entering the Land, as explained by the Ramban that this Land must be in our hands, under our active sovereignty and government, and not under the rule of any other nation. "It is obvious that establishing ourselves throughout the Land of Israel is intertwined with military conflict and war. I heard several reports on the reaction of the Chofetz Chaim to Jews serving in the armed forces of the gentiles. He indicated that it would be good training and preparation for serving in our army. (L'Netivot Yisrael, Part 2:6. Also, Mishna Berura, Shabbat, 329:7, Sub-section 17) There were young men who sought to evade serving in foreign armies. The viewpoint of the Chofetz Chaim, which encompassed all of the multi-sided facets of Clal Yisrael, is a healthy lesson, indeed. He said to them.: 'In a short time the Mashiach will come, and we will have a State, and a State needs an army. Will you wait until then to learn how to be soldiers? Now you have the opportunity to learn how to fight. This is very important to us. The Master of the World is arranging this practice to prepare you for service in our army.'"

"Not everyone understood this. In the last generations, Hashem has shown himself as the Master of war. He had us serve in the gentile armies, and out of this, several Jews became experts in strategy and warfare in our army. All of this is the working of the Master of the World, Who proclaims the generations from the beginning. (Isaiah, 41:4) (From Sefer Torat Eretz Yisrael)

**PLEASE HASHEM SAVE US FROM THE SIN OF THE SPIES WHO SPOKE LASHON
HARA AGAINST ERETZ ISRAEL. LET US CORRECT THE SIN OF “THEY DESPISED
THE DESIRABLE LAND” (TEHILLIM 106) FOR IN THIS WAY WE BRING CLOSER
THE COMPLETE GEULA WHEN YOUR NAME WILL BE SANCTIFIED IN THE
WORLD AND YOUR NATION ISRAEL SHALL BE EXALTED AND YOUR BEIT HA
MIKDASH REBUILT MAY THIS BE SOON IN OUR DAYS, AMEN YEHI RATZON**